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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7670

BILL NUMBER: SB 267

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BILL AMENDED: Apr 9, 2001

SUBJECT: Voter Registration; Office of Census Data

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill has the following provisions:

(A) Require an individual registering to vote to provide the individual's driver's license number or the individual's state-issued identification card number.

(B) Require precinct election officials to request of each voter at the polls the voter's driver's license number, or the voter's state-issued identification card number. The bill provides that a voter is not required to provide any of these identification numbers at the polls.

(C) Require the Indiana Election Division to make voter registration forms available on the Internet website maintained by the Division so that the forms can be downloaded.

(D) Require the State Department of Health and the Department of Correction to make certain information concerning deceased voters and incarcerated individuals available to the Election Division electronically.

(E) Repeal obsolete sections of the voter registration statutes.

(F) Establishes the Office of Census Data in the Legislative Services Agency. Requires the Office to:

- (1) provide advice in defining the boundaries of census blocks in Indiana;
- (2) assist in coordinating the State's efforts to obtain an accurate population count in each Federal decennial census;
- (3) perform other duties relating to Indiana's participation in the decennial census;
- (4) provide assistance in the preparation and organization of decennial census data for use in Congressional and State legislative redistricting;
- (5) work with political subdivisions following each decennial census to provide information and assistance concerning special censuses, special tabulations, and corrected population counts;

- (6) work with the Election Division, State agencies, and political subdivisions to maintain accurate information concerning the boundaries of precincts and political subdivisions;
- (7) provide technical assistance to counties, the Election Commission, and the Election Division to comply with Indiana law concerning precinct establishment;
- (8) maintain a geographic information system (GIS) that contains the boundaries of all precincts, legislative districts, and Congressional districts; and
- (9) perform other census and mapping research as determined by the Executive Director of the Legislative Services Agency or as required by the Legislative Council.

(G) Requires the Election Division to provide the Office with certain information relating to precinct boundaries and election returns. Requires the Election Division and the Office to cooperate to resolve any errors found in the GIS.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) (A) This bill requires an applicant to provide their voter identification number (either the individual's driver's license number, or the individual's state-issued identification card number) on a voter registration form. The provision will require a change in the current form. The cost of changing and printing the form can be done within the current budget.

(C) The Indiana Election Commission currently has an Internet web page that would allow the posting of voter registration forms. Given the online services already provided by Access Indiana to the Election Commission, there should be no new expenditure required to carry out this provision.

(D) The information required to be transferred to the Election Division from the State Department of Health (SDH) and the Department of Correction (DOC) concerning deceased and incarcerated individuals is already required to be collected by the SDH and the DOC. The information could be readily transferred by electronic mail at no increase in expenditure, given that the SDH, DOC, and the Division have access to electronic mail.

(F) This provision establishes two positions within the Legislative Services Agency, that currently exist in a non-statutory defined form in order to comply with this provision of the bill as described above. It is believed any increase with respect to expenditures would be minimal in order to implement this provision.

(G) Increased expenditures would be required by the Election Division to comply with this provision. The estimated cost of this provision is \$40,000 per fiscal year. The Election Division has indicated these expenditures would not be absorbable in the Election Division's FY 2002-2003 budget.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) (B) Under this provision, the County Election Board would have to update the voter poll list sheet to include a column for a voter identification number. The cost of changing and printing the form can be done within the current budget of counties.

(E) Under current law the County Voter Registration Office (CVRO) is required to send an application for registration by mail to an applicant who submitted a photocopied application at the mailing address set forth on the application. The repeal of the provision could save resources by reducing the amount of mailings made by the CVRO.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Legislative Council, Legislative Services Agency, Indiana Election Division, State Department of Health, Department of Correction.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, County Election Boards, County Boards of Voter Registration, Precincts.

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